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From the Commodore



Ahoy fellow WYA members. Hope February's a restful month for everyone. Be sure to check the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter and mark your calendars now so that you don't miss any of the activities we cooked up during the PlanFest. These fun outings are great times to meet up with old friends and make new ones within our own club and other ones along the Potomac.

2012 Bridge

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I know many of us are planning for the upcoming boating season. The following article may give us thought about how to prepare the boat and ourselves as we cruise, even in good weather. So, compliments of BOATUS, let's start the year off with a man-overboard story.

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“Rick Saber is a member of BOATUS in San Rafael, California. On a flat-calm day, Rick was by himself on his trawler Eagle and had been getting lines and fenders ready for docking when his “well fed center of gravity” shifted and he suddenly tumbled into San Francisco Bay, about 400 yards east of Alcatraz. The inflatable life vest Rick had been wearing inflated with a reassuring whoosh and he quickly bobbed to the surface. Eagle kept plowing through the water toward its eventual encounter with a pier, resulting in a BOATUS damage claim. He said watching his boat heading for the horizon without him was devastating.

“Rick is by nature very safety conscious; he is the safety officer of two yacht clubs, and, ironically, had recently given Coast Guard Auxiliary seminars on Man-Overboard procedures. In 50 years of boating this was his first accident. But while he was familiar with techniques for getting other people back aboard Eagle, he was still a little fuzzy on how to get himself back aboard a boat. Any boat. Rick remembers thinking “This is going to be a very interesting day.” He reached for his iPhone, which, after 15 seconds underwater, was kaput. That left him with only one signaling device, his arms, which he waved occasionally to attract the attention of boats passing in the distance. Finally, after bobbing up and down for maybe half an hour, he attracted the attention of Alma, a well-known sailing scow built in 1891. As Alma hove-to a few yards away, Rick asked sheepishly if they had any Grey Poupon aboard. One of Alma's crew responded by asking, “Where's your boat?”

“Nobody can accuse Rick of not learning from his mistakes. While he has always been diligent about wearing a life vest, he is now planning to carry, at a minimum,



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pocket flares, a strobe light and maybe even a waterproof VHF. If he were ever to go overboard again, other people are going to know about it. Of course no one expects to tumble overboard, but as he said, 'If the safety officer of two yacht clubs can fall overboard on a calm day, it can happen to anyone.'"

Past Events

PLAN FEST. Our annual Plan Fest, held on January 14 at the Lighthouse Restaurant following the Bridge meeting, drew 25 members on board who did yeomen's work in a lively open forum full of good suggestions and camaraderie, accompanied by lots of laughs. We hope we produced a good balanced 2012 Calendar that includes cruising and land events to give members maximum



opportunities to join in the activities. All agreed to spontaneously scheduling additional events as the year progresses, taking advantage of good weather and any good -



or poor - excuses for impromptu celebrations of just about anything...or for no real apparent reason. Check out the Calendar at www.wya-va.com to see what awaits you for 2012. During the meeting we also had the privilege of welcoming two sets of new members.... Returning members Shannon and Sue Ritter (at left) and (at right) Robert and Norma Blount. Robert and Norma were our gracious hosts at The Lighthouse, which they co-own with his brother, Ed. Upon adjourning, we all remained onsite – except for Dick Elmore, who rushed to meet up with the lovely Anita in Richmond – for a delicious leisurely lunch and the required liquid refreshments.

PRYCA Change of Watch. Those who did not attend the January 21 PRYCA Change of Watch really missed a wonderful dinner dance and the best yearly opportunity for the ladies to don their finest evening attire and to glitter and boogie the night away on the dance floor with their significant others. This year five WYA couples attended and joined the crowd in thanking our very own Ruth Lovelace for her successful year's service as PRYCA's 2011 Commodore, following the presentation of the Coast Guard Honor Guard, seen above. The next morning, our fellow WYA members Bruce and Patty Kasold hosted a wonderful brunch at their lovely home nearby. Food was delicious and the excellent German champagne kept flowing. Check the photos on our website to see what you missed, then add it on your next year's calendar.





A Preview of Upcoming Events

Feb 25 – 11:30 am - Bridge Meeting at the Bavarian Chef Restaurant in Fredericksburg. The Bridge has decided to enjoy our monthly meetings and ... just so you all know, we go Dutch treat for the meals. Members are welcome but must let us know if they plan to attend, as reservations are required. It's a relaxed event, so please feel welcome to join us.

March 17, St Paddy's Day Party –Harry and Lori Wehr are hosting the party at their King George home. Details will be sent soon, but don't miss this one as it proved to be a hearty party last year at the Buswells and Harry and Lori are equally fantastic hosts. Plenty of Irish fare, beverages and music. And, wait 'til you see their party room! Some of us plan to stay overnight in Dahlgren, so don't let distance be an issue.

April 4, Cherry Blossom – This is a potential cruising event, with others joining us by land at the Capitol Yacht Club in D.C. or at Alexandria's docks, coming aboard the boats and cruising out into the Potomac to enjoy the Festival fireworks on the water. This event's timing is, of course, dependent on the cherry trees blooming schedule so details will be e-mailed when available.

April 14, Wine Tasting, Ingleside Winery – We're going to a Barrel Tasting at Ingleside Winery for the afternoon! M J Smith is Float Captain for the excursion and will provide details on how to sign up and pay your fee of \$20 per person.

May 5, Flag Raising at The Lighthouse, Colonial Beach – We're combining Flag Raising with a Cinco de Mayo party at the water's edge at The Lighthouse. Beginning at noon with the appropriate flag-raising ceremony and rituals, we will continue throughout the day, as we celebrate the Mexican holiday with South of the Border food, music, and, of course, those luscious Mexican libations. The cannon will fire, signaling us to proceed forward, in accordance with the WYA motto – “Party Like You Mean It!” If you come by sea...actually, by Monroe Bay..., remember that the water is a bit slim near The Lighthouse Marina at low tide. Daytime high tide Friday (4th) is 1:40 pm with Saturday (5th) and Sunday (6th) highs following 1 hour later each day. Carey and I are Float Captains; she'll work up the decorations and the menu with members and I'll handle other arrangements. We'll keep in contact with the full membership as plans develop.

Upcoming PRYCA Events

We want to alert you early to PRYCA-affiliated events for June and July as reservations must be made early. They are the ever-popular Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick Off on June 15-17 and the PRYCA Float-In (now planned for July 14-15). Those planning to attend need to sign up and pay well before the



event to get a firm reservation. Those not planning to attend need to rethink it. These are fun-packed weekends. The Cobb Island event require sign ups in early March and Peggy Saylor, our Float Captain for the event, will provide details as they are known. The PRYCA Float-In requires a sign up and payment of fees the first week in April. I will be Float Captain for the event and will post details.

Member Updates

Last month we provided a short profile on Gary and Nancy Vineyard. This month we'll share Dick and Anita Elmore's rap sheet.

"We are Anita and Dick Elmore and we are "almost newlyweds", having been married for 42 years this July 4th. The day we met, Dick and his friend were working on their 14' boat for skiing and picking up chicks. (It worked, I got a good one)



"We lived in Columbus, Ohio until Dick was drafted into the Army and served as a Military Policeman in Erlangen, Germany. We lived there for 15 months and enjoyed the many excursions into the "German Economy".

"We came back to Columbus as civilians and Dick returned to his job with Massey Ferguson farm equipment. Anita is a medical technologist and worked in the chemistry department of a local hospital. While in Ohio, sons Jonathan and Ryan were born. We graduated to an 18' power boat.

"Dick was transferred to Massey's North American Headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. Anita was assistant chemistry lab supervisor and worked on her Masters Degree. It was a great family and wholesome place for the boys. We sold the boat due to lack of water.

"We next moved to England to Massey's Worldwide Headquarters. It was a great experience for all of us where we learned that we were the ones with the accent. Not wanting to return to Des Moines, Dick took a job with EDS in Pittsburgh selling computer systems to automobile dealers. Anita worked in a hospital lab and we were boat-less.

"We moved to Richmond, VA in 1990. The boys graduated from high school and went on to college. Son Jon is married to Mona and has blessed us with Katie and Jake. Ryan who is living in CA is getting married to Jennifer in April.

"Happy to be near the bay, we bought a 24 ft Sea Ray Sundancer. We spent many nights with fine wine anchoring out in Urbana Creek. We advanced to our more comfortable Mainship 350 and although we have enjoyed *Moon Dance*, she is currently for sale, in hopes of getting a larger boat for more adventuresome cruising.



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“Anita worked as a chemistry manager for the HCA hospital group in Richmond and is now employed by Johnson & Johnson as a technical support specialist for lab equipment. We moved into a town house in 2002 and after several jobs in VA, Dick retired in 2011. This has given us more time to be together, read, travel, enjoy Dick’s cooking, and of course, spend time at the rivah enjoying our WYA friends.”

Thank you, Anita, for the bio on you and Dick. *Now, how about some more members sending in a profile I can highlight next month.*

Trivia

Can you name when these pictures were taken? Get all three correct in an email to philbolin@mvapolonia.com and I’ll send you \$5 in the mail. If there is more than one correct answer, the first one to arrive gets the five bucks. You must state the name and location of the event. (Hint == pictures are on our web site!) Carey is ineligible, even if she wants to retrieve the five bucks!



Picture 1

Picture 2

Picture 3

Boat Facts

The web provides lots of information. Some good. Some not so much! Here are two sites that may actually be of help.

First, is www.yachtpaint.com, an Interlux site that talks about painting on boats, along with videos instructions on how to do it and what to do it with. Yep, you know they are selling their products, but even if you don’t like Interlux products, the process steps are well worth the review if you have a boat painting job upcoming.

Second, is the ask the experts site from BOATUS at <http://my.boatus.com/askexperts/>. Even if you are not a BOATUS member you can view the archives for useful questions and answers. If you are a member, you can ask your very own specific question. Remember that WYA is a group participating club to BOATUS that gives you 50% off yearly dues. You can get our participating number at the Members page of our web site.



Birthdays

Sorry we missed Nancy Vineyard's birthday on Jan 27, Lori Wehr's on Jan 28 and Carol Abbott's on Jan 30. Hope you all enjoyed your day.

Anita Elmore will be celebrating a birthday March 4. Hope Dick has big plans for you. And, we say Happy Birthday to Ronnie Farmer on March 13 and Chris Smith on March 24. We'll toast these March milestones at the St. Paddy's Day Party.

By the way, we'll celebrate with Linda Weaver her birthday at the Flag Raising and Cinco de Mayo party May 5. Arriva! Arriva!

Minutes and Membership Cards

Secretary Nancy Vineyard has forwarded the latest minutes to the Bridge and they will be passed on to the membership shortly. Nancy has been distributing membership cards personally, but will now mail the remaining ones. If you have not received yours, you will receive them in the mail within the next week to 10 days. Nancy will also send very soon an updated copy of the membership roster.

Sign Off

As I sign off, I ask again for all to send in a picture of themselves and their boat or favorite mode of transportation to be posted on the FLEET PAGE, if it is not already there.

There are three ways we're trying to get everyone acquainted. First, of course, are the events. Second are pictures of our members on the FLEET PAGE, and third are the monthly "bios" of members. Contribute please ... come to events, send me pictures of yourselves, and send in that short bio. THANKS!

Pictures and bios can be sent to philbolin@mvapolonia.com or commodore@wya-va.com.